

# House File 261 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 8)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to limitations regarding health data
- 2 collection.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.166, subsection 2, Code 2021, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3        2. Unless otherwise authorized or required by state or  
4 federal law, data collected under this section shall not  
5 include the social security number or name of the individual  
6 subject of the data.

### EXPLANATION

8           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
9           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill relates to health data collected and used by  
11 the department of public health (DPH). Current law directs  
12 DPH to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a  
13 contractor selected through a request for proposals process  
14 to collect, maintain, and disseminate hospital inpatient,  
15 outpatient, and ambulatory data. Current law also provides  
16 that unless otherwise authorized by state or federal law, the  
17 data collected shall not include the social security number  
18 of the individual subject of the data. Under the bill, data  
19 prohibited from collection would also include the name of the  
20 individual subject of the data.